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# **THORNTON**

*New Hampshire*

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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Thornton, N. H.

YEAR ENDING

January 31, 1922

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The Record Print, Plymouth

## TOWN OFFICERS

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**Moderator**—William Lyford.

**Clerk**—W. B. Emmons.

**Selectmen**—Bert Avery, Leland Holmes, Everett E. Caldon.

**Road Agents**—George Sawyer, G. B. Currier, Nelson Brown.

**Treasurer**—W. B. Emmons.

**Tax Collector**—Frank L. Houston.

**Overseer of Poor**—Everett E. Caldon.

**Auditor**—Frank L. Hazeltine.

**Supervisors of Check List**—Frank L. Houston, G. B. Currier.

**Police and Constable**—Ralph Steele.

**Fire Wardens**—A. C. Benton, Lester Bradley.

**State Patrolman**—Raymond Tobyne.

**Librarian**—Amy Barnard.

## BUDGET

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### Budget of the Town of Thornton, New Hampshire

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Estimates of revenue and expenses for the ensuing year, January 31st, 1922, to January 31st, 1923, compared with actual revenue and expenditures of the previous year, January 31st, 1921, to January 31st, 1922.

#### Sources of Revenue

	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1921	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1922
FROM STATE		
Railroad tax	\$460.86	\$460.86
Savings bank tax	334.44	334.44
For highways		
(a) For state aid main- tenance	169.15	169.15
(b) For trunk line main- tenance	4,198.68	4,198.68
Refund money	51.27	51.27
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES		
All licenses and permits except dog licenses, auto	467.03	467.03
Interest received on taxes and deposits	247.79	247.79
FROM POLL TAXES	1,239.00	1,239.00
We have lost a number of the above poll taxes.		

# **Revenue Applicable Only to New Construction and Improvements**

From State:

For trunk line highway construction	1,513.32	513.32
Amount raised by issue of bonds or notes	4,000.00	4,000.00

## **Revenue Which Must Be Paid to Other Governmental Di- visions**

\$2.00 poll to State	480.00	480.00
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Total Revenues from All  
Sources except Property

Taxes		\$12,161.54
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Amount Raised by Property Taxes	12,334.80	12,657.17
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TOTAL REVENUES	\$25,496.34	\$24,818.71
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## **Purposes of Expenditures**

	Actual Expendi- tures Previous Year 1921	Estimated Expendi- tures Ensuing Year 1922
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses</b>		
General Government		
Town officers' salaries	\$725.80	\$725.80
Town officers' expenses and freight	30.60	30.50
Town lines	50.50	
Printer, reports etc.	98.87	98.87
Protection of Persons and Property		
Police department	3.00	3.00
Bounties	146.40	146.40



Health		
Health department	21.50	21.50
Highways and Bridges		
State aid maintenance		
State's contribution	169.15	169.15
Town's contribution	169.15	169.15
Trunk line maintenance		
State's contribution	4,198.68	4,198.68
Town's contribution	1,679.47	1,679.47
Town maintenance	2,357.93	2,000.00
Paid collector on Hussey's account	17.50	
Education		
Libraries	87.50	87.50
Patriotic Purposes		
Soldiers' tablet (\$23.50 paid not included)	410.84	
Public Service Enterprises		
Cemeteries	105.00	150.00
INTEREST		
On long-term notes	317.03	317.03
<b>Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements</b>		
Highways and Bridges		
Town construction	200.00	200.00
State aid construction		
Town's contribution	2,121.76	1,121.76
State's contribution	1,513.32	513.32
Land sale	675.54	675.54
<b>Indebtedness</b>		
Payment on principal of debt		
Long term notes	5,860.18	5,860.18

### Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

State taxes	1,548.00	1,548.00
County taxes	743.36	743.36
State \$2.00 poll tax	340.00	340.00
Payments to school districts	4,019.50	4,019.50
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$27,610.48	\$27,818.71

Our expenditures this year were larger than our revenue. There was not enough money raised at Town Meeting.

This will not come the same as report for State paid part of bills for roads and money did not go through Town.

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### INVENTORY

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	No.	Valuation
Land and buildings		\$237,425
Horses	164	21,915
Asses and mules	2	75
Oxen	10	1,350
Cows	209	12,730
Other neat stock	84	4,250
Sheep	102	510
Portable and stationary mills	5	11,700
Wood, lumber etc.		77,430
Money on hand, at interest etc.		1,925
Stock in trade		3,000
Mills and machinery		600
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Total, exclusive of exemptions		\$372,410

### Amount of Taxes and Rate

Amount of taxes assessed on property	\$12,334.80
Poll tax, 240 and 13 soldier	1,239.00
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Total	\$13,573.80

Amount exempt to soldiers	1,000.00
Rate per cent on \$100	3.31

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## LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS

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To defray town charges	\$2,000.00
On town debt	1,000.00
Road and bridges	2,000.00
State aid construction	592.50
Maintenance state aid	250.00
Trunk line	1,500.00
Memorial	20.00
Library books	50.00
Library money law required	22.50
School district (paid) (beside dog license)	3,913.30
State tax	1,224.00
State special tax	324.00
County tax	624.07
Overlay	53.43
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	\$13,573.80

We did not get any notice of county tax so we raised \$624.07 the same as last year. But our county tax was raised and we had to pay \$743.36. We do not know why it was raised.

### Assets

Cash	
In hands of treasurer	\$1,482.73
Library trustees	160.56
Due from State	
Bounties	146.40
Taxes not collected	
(a) Levy 1917 land sale	9.08
(b) Levy 1918 land sale	409.30
(c) Levy 1919 land sale	522.67
(d) Levy 1920 land sale	335.12
(d) Levy 1921 land sale	5,135.83
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Total assets	\$8,201.69



Excess of liabilities over assets	3,171.90
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Grand total	<u>\$11,373.59</u>
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### Liabilities

Joint highway account

Unexpended balance in treasury	\$99.74
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Long term notes	<u>11,273.85</u>
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Total	<u>\$11,373.59</u>
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Due on notes

Pemigewasset National Bank	\$4,500.00
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Edna Willey Smith	26.23
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Annie Willey Sawyer	26.23
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W. P. Van Housen	1,053.50
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F. A. Barnard	931.70
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Geo. Steele	810.92
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Ralph Steele	894.04
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Harry Steele	894.04
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Leland E. Holmes	1,074.06
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Everett E. Caldon	<u>1,063.13</u>
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Total	<u>\$11,273.85</u>
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### Money Paid on Notes

Wm. Van Housen	\$550.00
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Frank Barnard	810.18
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Pemigewasset National Bank	<u>4,500.00</u>
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Total paid	<u>\$5,860.18</u>
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Hired of Pemigewasset National Bank	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
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Total hired	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
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### Town Property

Town House	\$1,000
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Six schoolhouses	3,275.00
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Road machine	150
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Road roll	100
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Safe	25
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Equipment of schoolhouses	825
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Equipment of Town House	<u>75</u>
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Total	<u>\$5450</u>
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## TREASURER'S REPORT

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Jan. 31, 1922

Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1921	\$855.55
Received of selectmen	9,068.59
Received of O. M. Jones, collector 1917	135.12
Received of J. H. Gilman, collector 1918	268.41
Received of J. H. Gilman, collector 1919	1,215.59
Received of F. L. Houston, collector 1920	7,143.75
Received of F. L. Houston, collector 1921	7,676.09
Received of town clerk, automobile tax	467.03
Received of town clerk, dog money	106.20
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	\$26,936.33
Paid on orders	25,453.60
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Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1922	\$1,482.73

W. B. EMMONS, Treasurer.

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### Summary of Receipts

H. A. Broad, money return, last year acct.	\$25.00
Lyman Boyce, money return, Hussey	24.00
Bounty money from State	27.20
R. M. Tobyne, road machine blade	11.51
R. M. Tobyne, overdrawn money last year	120.60
National Forest Res.	120.60
R. M. Tobyne, overdrawn money last year	33.00
Frank Barnard, cement	5.50
Refund money	51.27
Geo. Currier, overdrawn money return	10.46
H. Broad, return money	2.21
Interest on back taxes	247.79
Pemigewasset National Bank	4,000.00
State for roads and bridges	4,507.85
State, railroad tax	460.86
State, savings bank tax	334.44
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Total receipts	\$9,863.89

### Summary of Payments

Town officers' salaries	\$725.80
Town officers' expense and freight	30.55
Town hall	98.87
Bounties	146.40
Town construction	200.00
Town road maintenance	2,357.93
Soldiers' tablet (\$25.30 paid not included)	410.84
Cemetery	105.00
Interest	317.03
Notes	5,860.18
Police	3.00
Health department (Dr. Cheney)	21.50
Library	87.50
School	4,019.50
Town lines	50.50
Paid collector on Hussey's account	17.50
State aid maintenance	340.40
New construction of highways and bridges	3,563.01
Trunk line maintenance	4,587.28
Land sale	675.54
County tax	743.36
State tax	1,548.00
State tax, \$2 on poll	340.00
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Total	\$26,249.69

### Detail Statement of Receipts

H. A. Broad, money return last year account	\$25.00
Lyman Boyce, money return last year, Hussey	24.00
Bounty money from State	27.20
R. M. Tobyne, road machine blade	11.51
R. M. Tobyne, overdrawn money last year	33.00
National Forest Res.	120.60
R. M. Tobyne, cement	2.20
Frank Barnard, cement	5.50
Refund money	51.27
Geo. Currier, overdrawn money return	10.46
H. Broad, money return	2.21
Pemigewasset National Bank, notes	4,000.00
State railroad tax	460.86
Savings bank tax	334.44
State for new cement bridge	976.25
State, state aid maintenance roads	169.15



State, state aid construction	448.64
State, trunk line maintenance	2,913.81
Interest on back taxes	247.79
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	\$9,863.89

### Detail Statement of Payments

#### Salaries and Expense of Principal Town Officers

William Lyford, moderator	\$10.00
Everett E. Caldon, selectman	138.50
Leland L. Holmes, selectman	81.00
Bert Avery, selectman	50.16
W. B. Emmons, town and school clerk and treasurer	175.00
F. L. Houston, collector for 1920	100.00
Everett E. Caldon, selectman, after settlement 1920	34.64
Amy Barnard, librarian	104.00
F. L. Houston, supplies	6.00
Police officer (Philbrick)	3.00
Ralph Steele, dog officer	7.00
E. E. Caldon, overseer of poor	8.00
W. I. Lee, auditor	2.00
Town officers' expenses	22.78
Freight of paint for bridge	7.77
E. E. Caldon, depot after paint for bridge	3.00
E. E. Caldon, janitor services	5.00
Paid R. J. McLean, printing report	73.31
Paid R. J. McLean, signs for road	2.05
W. J. Randolph, transfer	3.00
J. H. Fadden (back bill)	3.65
Edson C. Eastman Co.	11.22
W. I. Lee, discharging tax	.64
Bounties on hedgehogs, bears and bobcat	146.40
Interest to George Steele	39.53
Interest to Pemigewasset National Bank	277.50
Notes to Frank A. Barnard	810.18
Note to Wm. Van Housen Estate	550.00
Note to Pemigewasset National Bank	4,500.00
County tax	743.36
State tax	1,548.00
State \$2.00 tax on polls	340.00
Land sales	675.54
Paid collector on Hussey account	17.50

Town lines	50.50
School district, 1921 dog license money	106.20
School district, interest on school fund	78.75
School district, money raised for 1921	3,834.55
George S. Sawyer, road agent No. 1	537.70
Geo. B. Currier, road agent No. 2	925.00
Nelson Brown, road agent No. 3	686.46
Geo. S. Sawyer, road agent No. 1, 1920, after settlement	28.50
W. S. Merrill, road agent No. 2, after set- tlement	35.00
Frank Hazeltine, road agent No. 3, after settlement	18.00
B. F. Merrill, water trough	3.00
R. D. Steele, water trough	3.00
C. V. Ham, water trough	3.00
C. V. Ham, shoveling snow	1.50
Guy Downing, work on road for 1920	7.50
H. A. Broad, state aid maintenance	340.40
H. A. Broad, state aid construction	1,403.00
R. M. Tobyne, patrolman	4,587.28
Bills for new cement bridge	2,160.01
F. A. Barnard, library money	87.50
Geo. B. Currier, log for temporary bridge	5.00
Geo. B. Currier, services as supervisor	9.50
The Good Roads Machinery Co.	10.50
C. V. Ham, breaking road	17.00
Mrs. A. C. Benton, work on roads	19.50
Mrs. A. C. Benton	.65
Raymond Martin, water trough for 1920	3.00
Wm. Lyford, soldiers' tablet	410.84
L. C. Carran Co., paint for bridges	41.58
H. A. Cheney, examining school children	21.50
Fred Clausen, painting bridge	97.29
Eugene Ducharme, painting bridge	34.00
Lei Durocher, painting bridge	30.50
Roy Haynes, painting bridge	47.25
A. C. Moulton, cemetery for 1920-21	105.00
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	\$26,249.69

## SOLDIERS' TABLET

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Paid by Wm. Lyford

T. F. McGorum & Son for tablet	\$300.00
Express on same	4.93
J. B. Clifford, labor	66.01
John Fraser, labor	28.00
Bert Harris, labor	4.50
Ellis Potter, labor	3.00
A. F. Burt, cement	4.40

Total paid by Lyford	\$410.84
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Use of town cement, 23 bags	25.30
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Total cost of tablet	\$436.14
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### George Sawyer, Road Agent No. 1

John Rooney	\$49.00
Alex McDonald	43.25
Roy Sawyer	65.25
Frank Brown	15.75
Truman Heath	33.25
H. Campbell	3.50
H. Robertson	3.50
J. Brown	29.75
W. Elliotts	15.75
H. Broad	56.00
F. Broad	4.75
Fred Dolloff	9.00
C. Chamberlain	3.00
Frank Houston	3.00
R. Spaulding	1.50
Geo. Sawyer	201.45

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\$537.70

Received of town	\$537.70	
Paid out for labor	537.70	

### Geo. B. Currier, Road Agent No. 2

Fred Clausen	\$3.00
E. E. Caldon	72.00
Geo. Fadden	29.00
F. W. Steele	90.75



H. Clark	1.50
F. Haynes	4.50
J. Thatcher	18.00
R. D. Steele	3.00
Walter Dobson	11.00
Teddy Ames	9.00
Wm. Ames	18.00
A. S. Brown	18.00
A. C. Benton	90.25
Joe Rollins	14.00
Geo. Avery	77.00
Geo. B. Currier	352.14
Fred Ames	9.00
R. Martin	3.00
Guy Downing	51.50
Alex Pope	5.00
W. B. Avery	16.40
L. Shores	18.50

Total	\$914.54
Received of town	\$925.00
Return to town	10.46

Total amount used	\$914.54
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### Nelson Brown, Road Agent No. 3

Lyman Boyce	\$133.50
Geo. Avery	51.00
Geo. Currier	16.50
W. Dobson	6.75
C. Hart	72.00
G. Hart	45.00
E. Messer	15.00
Mrs. G. Boyce, gravel	1.30
L. N. Brown	28.50
J. Gilman	3.00
L. E. Holmes	20.68
F. Corliss	24.00
A. Petrain	45.25
Parker-Young Co., dynamite and fuse	21.25
D. Hadley	6.00
J. T. Bradley	6.00
L. Bradley	3.00
B. Avery	21.00
H. Adams	1.50

H. Fifield	3.00
S. Fifield	3.00
A. Woodbury	2.90
Nelson Brown	156.30

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Total	\$686.43
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Received of town	\$686.43
Money paid out	686.43

Two hundred dollars of the above money was used for new construction on Merrill Hill on Gore road.

### **New Cement Bridge Account**

J. B. Clifford	\$1,203.97
A. F. Burt Co.	590.96
The Parker-Young Co.	147.28
E. Dole Co.	32.00
Varney Durgin	6.35
W. B. Avery	6.45
L. G. Shores	28.50
J. H. Gilman	6.00
E. Burleigh, land	14.00
R. M. Tobyne	10.50
The United Construction Co., beams	32.00
E. E. Caldon	78.00
Lora Merrill, lighting bridge	4.00

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Total amount paid	\$2,160.01
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Cement left over	31.00
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Total cost of bridge	\$2,129.01
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### **State Aid Maintenance**

#### **H. A. Broad, Foreman**

Geo. Sawyer	\$45.00
Roy Sawyer	30.00
J. Rooney	24.00
Walter Elliotts	33.00
Fred Dolloff	13.50
E. Ducharme	10.50
Frank Broad	3.00
J. Brown	18.00
M. Inkell	6.00
J. Uhlman	18.00

Scott Benton	18.00
M. Uhlman	9.00
W. Rogers	9.00
G. Downing	9.00
H. Downing	6.00
H. Broad	75.00
Gravel	13.40

Total	\$340.40
Received of town	\$340.40
Paid out for labor and gravel	340.40

### State Aid Construction

H. A. Broad, Foreman

J. Uhlman	\$138.00
S. Benton	138.00
E. Bell	138.00
G. Downing	135.00
F. Broad	126.00
W. Elliotts	69.00
M. Uhlman	69.00
W. Rogers	69.00
R. Sawyer	51.00
J. Rooney	67.50
H. Downing	69.00
R. Haynes	12.00
P. Colby	63.00
L. Shores	15.00
R. Adams	52.50
H. Broad	92.00
644 loads of gravel at 10c	64.40
Money paid out, dynamite, post and rails	29.39

Total	\$1,397.79
Money received from town	\$1,403.00

Money paid out	1,397.79
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Balance	\$5.21
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Paid back by H. Broad	2.21
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Balance due town	\$3.00
State paid for engineering and culvert	\$64.68

Total cost of road	\$1,462.47
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## R. M. Tobyne, Trunk Line Patrolman

R. M. Tobyne	\$1,535.50
L. W. Brown	322.00
E. J. Tobyne	585.50
E. C. Burleigh	379.50
Glen Howland	25.50
Fred Connor	12.00
Bert Avery	51.00
R. McCormick	25.50
G. Downing	498.00
H. Downing	231.00
J. Peaslee	28.00
C. Ham	32.00
Clayton Ham	16.00
Wm. Ames	32.00
Wm. Downing	4.00
C. St. Lawrence	6.00
C. Avery	162.00
G. B. Currier	56.00
J. Keith	10.00
H. Fifield	87.00
J. McKay	142.00
R. Lake	98.50
C. Fifield	22.50
Gravel and money paid out	227.78
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Total	\$4,587.28

Received of town	\$4,587.28
Labor and money paid out	4,587.28
Statement of Taylor fund in Thornton	\$1,045.25
Statement of school fund in Thornton	1,312.50

The reason why total payment does not equal amount paid on orders is that State did not send us savings bank and railroad tax money, but gave us credit on state taxes for that amount. We carry the savings bank and railroad tax in our receipts the same as money received from state, so we had to put in full tax which was due State. So our receipts are that much more than the amount turned over to treasurer. You will notice the difference in report.

Also on Mr. Clifford's account—he took one bag of cement for his own use so we took one dollar of of his pay.

If there is anything in the report that any of the taxpayers do not understand we will be glad to explain to them at any time. Also we will be glad to show our books at any time to anyone that is interested in them.

Respectfully submitted,

LELAND HOLMES,  
BERT E. AVERY,  
EVERETT E. CALDON,

Selectmen.

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Thornton, N. H., Jan. 31, 1922.

Having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Road Agents for the Town of Thornton for the year ending Jan. 31, 1922, we find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

We also examined the accounts of tax collector for the years 1918 and 1919 and find them as follows:  
Year of 1918

\$11,349.42 total of taxes  
10,924.33 paid in

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\$425.09  
15.79 abatements

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\$409.30 balance due

Year 1919

\$13,219.24 taxes total  
12,616.24 paid in

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\$603.00  
80.33 abatements

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\$522.67 balance due

FRANK L. HAZELTINE,  
RALPH D. STEELE,

Auditors.

## LIBRARY REPORT

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### Receipts

Cash in bank Feb. 1, 1921	\$138.47
Received of the town	72.50
Received for dues	3.59
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	\$214.56

### Expenditures

For new books	\$54.00
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	\$160.56
Volumes owned	1403
Circulations books and magazines	946
Borrowers	92

Five books given by the Dame family in memory of their mother.

"Hand Grips," the story of the great Gettysburg reunion, presented to Town Library of Thornton by the author, Walter H. ~~Barke~~, who enlisted in Co. A, 6th N. H. Vol., 60 years ago from Thornton.

FRANK A. BARNARD,

For the Trustees.

*Blake*

# Births Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1921

Date of Birth	Name of Child (If any)	Sex, Cond		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Father's Age	Mother's Age
		Male	Female									
Jan. 11	Florence Alice	F	L	George W Ripley	Florence Drake	W	Thornton	Engineer	Danbury	Waterville		
Mar. 7	Merton Everett	M	L	Roy H Haynes	Annie M Joye	W	Thornton	Laborer	Hereford	BishopsCrossing		
May 1				Ralph B Downing	Mary G Strangmore	W	Thornton	Mill operative	Thornton	St Johns N F		
June 25	Helen Ames	F	L	Fred Ames	Addie Powers	W	Thornton	Bobbin turner	Kingsland Me	Groton		
Dec. 16		F	L	Ora F Fisher	Annie Powell	W	Thornton	Teamster	West Plymouth	Campton		
Dec. 17		M	L	Frank W Steele	Eda Sawyer	W	Thornton	Farmer	Thornton	Campton		



# Marriages Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1921

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	Times married	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married.
Jan. 1	Campton	J J Hickey	Thornton	49	W	W Laborer	Prince Edw I Ireland	Peter Hickey	Prince Edw I Ireland		S	A W Young Campton
		Margaret LaHag	Thornton	38	W	W Housekeeper	Ireland	John Obrine			W	
May 11	Campton	Fred Ames	Thornton	21	W	W Bobbin tnr	Kingland Me	Wm Ames	Calais Me	Laborer	S	A W Young Campton
		Addie Powers	Groton	20	W	W At home	Groton	Daniel Powers	Groton	Farmer	S	
June 22	Laconia	Clarence B Downing	Thornton	24	W	W Bobbin tnr	Thornton	W F Downing	Ellsworth	Millworker	S	Ernest R Coswell Laconia
		Frances Buzzell	Laconia	21	W	W Needle mkr	Rumney	Harry Buzzell	Rumney	Night watch	S	
Aug. 30	Plymouth	Charlie Joyce	Bishops Crossing P Q	27	W	W Laborer	Bishops Crossing P Q	Herbert Joyce	Bishops Crossing P Q	Laborer	S	J R Copplestone Plymouth
		Annie Hopkins	Beecher Falls Vt	19	W	W At home	Beecher Falls Vt	Charlie Hopkins	Beecher Falls Vt	Farmer	S	
Nov. 28	W Thornton	Thomas Ferguson	Lincoln	22	W	W Papermkr	Wilder Vt	Archie Ferguson	Scotland	Papermaker	1	Forrest E Robinson North Woodstock
		Amis Lake	West Thornton	17	W	W At home	Lincoln	Henry Lake	Nova Scotia	Butcher	1	
Aug. 12	Lunenburg Vt	E E Caldron	Thornton	28	W	W Farmer	Thornton	W P Caldron		farmer	1	Glenn W Douglass Lunenburg Vt
		Christie Balch	Lunenburg Vt	25	W	W Teacher	Boston	Geo A Balch	Lunenburg Vt		1	

# Deaths Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1921

Date - 1921	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex and Cond'n			Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days		Male, Female	Color	Single, Mar		Father	Mother		
Feb. 17	Thornton	Eva D Ripley	10	5	23	Thornton	F	S			Danbury	Waterville	George W Ripley	Florence Drake
Apr. 14	Thornton	Edmond M Avery	76			Ellsworth	M	W			New York	Pennsylvania	Sherburne Avery	Lucretia Moulton
May 14	Thornton	Wm P Van Housen	59			Marshfield Pa	M	M			Kingland Me	Groton	Samuel VanHousen	Polly Ann Gunn
June 26	Thornton	Helen Ames	1			Thornton	F	F			Thornton	East Andover	Fred M Ames	Addie Powers
Dec. 24	Thornton	Ida M Brown	44	4	14	Thornton	F	M			Thornton	East Andover	A F Woodbury	Eunice Buswell

W. B. EMMONS, Town Clerk

# ***School Report***





## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

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### Officers

Chairman, Walter I. Lee	Term expires July 1, 1922
Members, Affie M. Merrill	1923
Gladys D. Currier	1924
Secretary and superintendent, Alonzo J. Knowlton	
Treasurer, Mr. W. B. Emmons	
Truant Officer, G. B. Currier—Resigned Jan. 1, 1922	

Meetings are held on call of the chairman and there have been eight during the year for the discussion of school problems.

### Teachers for 1921-1922

School and Name	Yearly Salary
West Thornton, Vera M. Ruggles	*\$720
Lyford, Bertha P. Placey	540
Center, Charlotte M. Conroy	648
Mad River, Mrs. I. F. Hazeltine	648

\*Includes janitor service

### School Calendar for 1921-1922

Terms open	Length in weeks	Terms close
August 29, 1921	12	November 18
	Recess of 10 days	
November 28	4	December 23
	Recess of 10 days	
Jan. 2, 1922	9	March 3
	Recess of 5 weeks	
April 10	11	June 23

The following days are to be observed as holidays: Labor Day (Sept. 5); the middle day of Plymouth Fair; the day of the teachers' institute, if teacher attends; Fast Day; and Memorial Day (May 30).

Appropriate exercises to be held in connection with the school work to teach the meaning of the special days as they occur; ;such as Columbus Day, Washington's Birthday, Lincoln Day, Flag Day, etc.

**Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year Ending  
July 1, 1921**

**Receipts**

**FROM STATE:**

High school tuition rebate	\$546.94
Equalization	2,243.90

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\$2,790.84

**FROM THE SELECTMEN:**

Raised by taxation

For the support of elementary schools, \$5 tax	\$1,903.00
Salaries of district officers	300.00
High school tuition	500.00
Superintendent's excess salary	125.00
Repairs and remodeling	1,700.00
Per capita tax	270.00

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Total amount from taxation      \$4,798.00

**FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN TAXA-  
TION:**

Dog licenses	\$78.34
Elementary school tuition	13.50
Insurance adjustment	35.00

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Total of all other receipts      \$126.84

Total receipts from all sources      \$7,715.68

Total cash on hand Sept. 1, 1920      1,063.98

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Grand total      \$8,779.66

**Payments**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Salaries of district officers

Lee, W. I.	\$32.50
Merrill, Mrs. B. F.	32.50
Merrill, Edith, 6 mo.	25.00

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\$90.00

Superintendent's salary	
Knowlton, A. J.	\$100.00
Truant officer and school census	
Lane, R. E.	\$1.18
Merrill, Willis R.	14.58
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	\$15.76
Expense of administration	
Eastman, Edson	\$26.82
Brown, Dora	2.40
Knowlton, A. J.	10.14
Lee, W. I.	.50
Merrill, Edith	2.93
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	\$42.79
INSTRUCTION:	
Teachers' salaries	
Balch, Christie	\$646.38
Conroy, Charlotte M.	648.00
Hazeltine, Mrs. I. F.	648.00
Merrill, Lora	576.00
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	\$2,518.38
Text-books	
American Book Co.	\$32.39
Arlo Publishing Co.	6.74
E. E. Babb & Co.	24.07
Educational Publishing Co.	2.00
Ginn & Co.	10.99
D. C. Heath	9.76
J. L. Hammett Co.	3.52
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	2.99
The Macmillan Co.	18.12
Benj. H. Sanborn Co.	8.53
Silver, Burdett & Co.	2.18
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	\$121.29
Scholars' supplies	
E. E. Babb & Co.	\$7.87
Boston Paper Board Co.	10.50
Brown, Dora	.08
Davis, A. L.	.75

Domestic Mills Paper Co.	19.19
Dowling School Supply Co.	8.44
Greene, E. E.	1.35
J. L. Hammett Co.	29.20
Knowlton, A. J. (express)	.50
Milton Bradley Co.	13.52
Morrison, L. R.	2.20
Ryan and Buker	2.55
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	\$96.15
Flags and appurtenances	\$5.00
Other expenses of instruction	
Merrill, Lora	\$ .40
Howard and Brown	5.35
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	\$5.75

#### OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

##### Janitor service

Conroy, Charlotte M.	\$20.50
Adams, Fred	8.85
Downing, Kenneth	14.20
Downing, Doris	10.00
Jones, Cora	3.00
Merrill, Lora	23.25
Uhlman, Harry	2.00
Uhlman, Mrs.	5.00
Sawyer, Isabel	16.00

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\$102.80

##### Fuel

Benton, A. C.	\$16.00
Durgin, O. L.	1.25
Downing, G. F.	4.00
Dolloff, William	5.25
Elliott, Walter	3.00
Ham, Spencer	1.50
Lee, W. I.	32.00
Merrill, B. F.	7.00
Sawyer, George	4.00
Steele, Lawrence	2.50
Tilton, S. D.	4.50



Tuttle, Frank	60.00
Veasey, W. D.	4.50
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Janitors' supplies	\$145.50
Bay View Co.	\$5.00
Fadden, J. H.	3.46
Morrison, L. R.	2.55
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	\$11.01
Minor repairs	
Boyce, T. J.	\$2.00
Carr, W. J.	2.00
Fadden, J. H.	7.15
Morrison, L. R.	2.78
Ford Foundry Co.	2.55
Durgin, L. R.	3.00
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	\$19.48
AUXILIARY AGENCIES:	
Medical inspection	
Cheney, Dr. H. A.	\$135.50
Transportation of pupils	
Bradley, Lester	\$252.00
Downing, Ezra	130.20
Carr, W. J.	190.00
Elliott, Walter	170.00
Haynes, Frank	142.00
Ham, Mrs. Cresse	99.00
Merrill, Lora	29.00
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	\$1,012.20
High school tuition	
Lincoln school district	\$200.00
Plymouth high school	220.00
Tilton Seminary	110.00
Woodstock high school	200.00
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	\$730.00
Elementary school tuition	
Campton school district	\$42.00

Woodstock school district	222 00
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	\$264.00

## OUTLAY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT

### Alterations of old buildings

Avery, E. B.	\$41.70
Burt, A. F.	439.98
Durgin, O. L.	1.00
Durgin, L. R.	372.70
Downing, G. F.	2.00
Lyford, Will	8.90
Merrill, Albert D.	23.06
Merrill, Edith	8.13
Miclon, B. W.	120.00
Moulton, A. W.	111.25
Silsby Bros.	51.65
Veazey, W. D.	1.25
Thatcher, John D.	5.50

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\$1,187.12

### New equipment

Kenney Bros. & Wolkins	\$181.75
New England Blackboard Co.	94.00

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\$275.75

### DEBT SERVICE:

Per capita tax	\$270.00
Total payment for all purposes	\$7,148.48
Total cash on hand June 30, 1921	1,631.18

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Grand total \$8,779.66

Note.—On June 30 the district owed three bills, as follows:

Mrs. Cresse Ham, board for Archie Brown	\$59.00
J. H. Fadden for repairs	2.50
Charlotte M. Conroy for janitor	9.00
Total	<hr/> \$70.50

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the school district of Thornton of which the above is a summary and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. July 27, 1921.

A. K. DOBSON,  
School District Auditor.

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**Statement of Account from July 1, 1921 to February 1,  
1922**

**Estimated Assets**

"Tax of \$5 per \$1000" on equalized valuation	\$2,205.99
Appropriations for repairs and remodelling	500.00
Appropriations for expenses of administration	60.00
Assessed for high school tuition	900.00
Assessed for salaries of district officers	240.00
Assessed for per capita tax	270.00
Dog licenses (estimate)	50.00
State aid equalization (not known to date)	

Total	\$4,225.99
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Cash on hand July 1, 1921	\$1,631.18
Outstanding obligations	70.50

Net cash funds available	\$1,560.68
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Grand total local assets	\$5,786.67
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**Expenditures Ending January 31, 1922**

Superintendent's salary	\$166.67
Truant officer and school census	17.93
Expenses of administration	10.40
Teachers' salaries	1,404.00
Text-books	89.09
Scholars' supplies	52.56
Flags and appurtenances	4.68
Fuel	53.75
Janitor service	62.00
Janitors' supplies	1.25
Minor repairs and expenses	69.60
Medical inspection	61.25

Transportation of pupils	676.00
High school tuition	372.50
Alteration of old buildings	328.10
Per capita tax	270.00
Old bills of previous year	70.50

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Total amount paid	\$3,639.78
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### Recommendations for Year 1922-1923

\$5 tax on equalization valuation for elementary schools	
Salaries of district officers	\$200
High school tuition	900
Superintendent's salary	200
Repairs and remodeling	500
Per capita tax	272

W. I. LEE,  
 AFFIE MERRILL,  
 GLADYS P. CURRIER,  
 School Board.

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## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Chairman and Members of School Board:

I hereby submit for your consideration a report of the schools of Thornton for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1921 and for a part of the present year ending Jan. 31, 1922.

Four schools have been maintained with a registration of 114 different pupils for the year 1920-1921 and 100 pupils for 1921-1922. All schools were maintained for 36 weeks with a per cent of attendance of 92. While in the previous year the per cent of attendance was 86.5. This shows an increase but it is considerably lower now than it ought to be, owing to irregular attendance. A part of the absences, in case of the Center school, was due to sickness caused by a contagious disease. Those were unavoidable but many of the others could have been eliminated by parents' cooperation.



The only way to maintain successful schools in town is by close cooperation of parents, pupils and teachers. No one of them can make a success of it alone.

The absence of a pupil from school one-fourth to one-third of the time means that the chances are against him for promotion because of his inability to do the work of the following grade. Non-promotions are expensive to pupils, to parents and to the district. May we not unite our efforts to do the most effective work possible and thereby reduce non-promotions to the minimum?

Our record cards show that 68 pupils were promoted last July; 24 were not promoted; 3 had been in first grade two years; one in first grade more than two years and 3 in grade 1 and 2 were more than ten years of age. Four pupils had perfect attendance record, namely, Evelyn Adams, Fred Adams, and Merlin Brown, West Thornton; and John D. Merrill, Center Thornton.

In a study of the registers another serious defect is noticeable, namely, tardy marks. Almost the whole of those may be laid to the neglect and indifference of parents and pupils. Last year's record shows 159 tardinesses, and the previous year 259. Being late teaches our boys and girls the serious habit of non-punctuality—a defect that may prove a great handicap in later life. Let us teach rather the commendable habit of promptness, which is so much admired by people whose time is worth something.

The survey of the schools for the present year shows that 30.2 per cent of the pupils registered are at age and 69.8 per cent retarded. This shows a slight improvement over the previous record of 74.8 per cent retarded. Quite a large per cent of the above retarded record is traceable to non-promotion due to irregular attendance.

The number of visits made to all schools by member of school board is 23; by citizens 78; by the superintendent 102. The school census reported in October showed 62 boys and 50 girls or a total of 112 pupils in town between the ages of 5 and 16 years; 95 pupils registered as members of local schools September 30; 6 pupils attending high school; and 3 attending elementary schools outside of the district, or a total

of 104 reported in school. Six pupils between 5 and 8 years and 2 between 14 and 16 were not attending any school.

This year we are maintaining four transportation routes as follows: Mr. Bradley to Woodstock, Mr. Downing to West Thornton, Mr. Tuttle to Center Thornton, and Mr. Carr to Mad River. The weekly cost to the district is \$37.

The medical examination of the school children made by Dr. H. A. Cheney reveals the following defects which ought to receive attention by the parents, namely: malnutrition 1; defective vision 6; anaemia 2; cardiac disease 7; defective teeth 57; hypertrophied tonsils 14; adenoids 7; defects in breathing 3; enlarged glands 2; and unvaccinated 24. Dr. Cheney's reports also show that this year he sent notices to 39 parents, and that since the previous examination 31 defects have received treatment. We trust that a larger number may receive treatment as a result of this examination.

The following repairs were made last fall on the school buildings at Mad River, namely: foundation relaid, lighting changed, toilet vaults repaired and slate boards purchased. The work on the building was postponed so long that all which had been planned could not be completed. Neither could the work be done that was intended for the Center school.

Next summer plans should be made to complete the work at Mad River, change the lighting at the Center school and paint the buildings.

The school at West Thornton has been crowded this year with a registration of 38 pupils. If the school board thinks best, I would suggest that an effort be made to reduce the attendance at this school another year either by transportation or, if possible, by uniting with Woodstock in maintaining a school at the Tannery for pupils living in that vicinity.

Respectfully submitted,

ALONZO J. KNOWLTON,

Superintendent of Schools.

North Woodstock, N. H.    January 21, 1921.











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